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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GERRY:

I WAS DEEPLY MOVED TO HEAR OF WEN'S DEATH AND AM DOUBLY
GRATEFUL THAT WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE THAT ALL TOO BRIEF TIME
WITH YOU JULY 5.

IN MY EXPERIENCE THERE HAVE BEEN VERY FEW MEN IN THE
FOREIGN SERVICE WHO REPRESENTED SO WELL THE ATTRIBUTES AND
QUALITIES WE ALL HOPE TO ATTAIN. DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF
THE COUNTRY HE LOVED WEN NEVER WAVERED IN HIS IDEALISM AND
HIS LOVE FOR HUMANITY. AND HIS IDEALS WERE CONTINUALLY AND
FULLY EVIDENT IN HIS YEARS WITH AF. EVEN AS HE SERVED THE
UNITED STATES OUTSTANDINGLY WEN WON THE AFFECTION, ADMIRATION
AND RESPECT OF THE MANY AFRICANS WHO CHERISHED HIS FRIENDSHIP
AND UNDERSTANDING.

THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AFRICA AND HIS HOST OF FRIENDS HAVE
SUFFERED A GREAT LOSS. BUT NOTHING COMPARED TO THAT OF
YOU AND YOUR SONS WHO HAVE SURROUNDED WEN WITH THE LOVE AND
SUPPORT WHICH HELPED HIM SO MUCH NOT ONLY DURING HIS ILLNESS
BUT IN REALIZING THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION HE MADE TO OUR WORK.

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WEN'S MANY FRIENDS OUT HERE JOIN ME IN EXPRESSING OUR

DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND OUR GREAT SATISFACTION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
WE HAD TO KNOW WEN AND TO WORK WITH HIM. WE ARE ALL BETTER
PEOPLE FOR IT.
SCHAUFEELE

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